

WILSON IS URGED TO PREVENT BIG RAILROAD STRIKE

National Chamber of Commerce Fears 300,000 Men Will Quit Work.

Washington, Aug. 3.—President Wilson has been urged by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States to take steps to prevent the threatened strike of 300,000 men of the "Big Four" Railway Brotherhoods, which, should it come, will be the biggest railroad tie-up ever known in this country.

The appeal of the chamber was made through Harry A. Wheeler of Chicago, chairman of its committee. In a letter addressed to the president yesterday, he says he thinks a break is inevitable, as investigation has convinced him the roads will not modify their attitude or the men recede unless powerful influence is brought to bear on them. He writes:

"In the hope that you will see fit to start an inquiry on behalf of the administration as to the near approach of an actual crisis in the matter and to verify the statement which I here-with submit.

Fears Settlement Is Remote.

"I met in New York with the Railway Executive Advisory Committee, Frank P. Trumbull, chairman, and the National Conference Committee of Railroad, Elieha Lee, chairman, to request from them a definite statement as to the position of the roads when the conference reconvenes to hear the result of the strike vote which was completed last week.

"There seems to be a prevailing opinion in Washington, and I think rather generally held throughout the country, that no interruption of freight transportation will result and that some means will be found to adjust the differences.

"As a result of the meeting my conviction is deepened that an amicable settlement is remote, and that while other orderly steps are yet to be taken before a final break is reached, yet such a break is inevitable unless strong measures of intervention are speedily introduced.

"On Aug. 8 the joint conference will convene again, the men will announce the result of their strike vote and the roads will reiterate their proposals, which the brotherhood chiefs have once declined. I am assured that there will be no modification of the attitude of the roads. Neither is it expected that the representatives of the men, with the new power of the strike vote in their hands, will recede from the position which they have heretofore taken.

"The United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation may come into the matter at this point, but without effect, in my judgment, in bringing these contending factions together. Finally, arbitration may be discussed and the break will come when the roads absolutely refuse to arbitrate only the demands of the men and the men refuse with equal force to admit into the arbitrations the contingent proposals of the roads.

"Thus, unless there is intervention as proposed in the Joint Resolution 45, ratified by an almost unanimous vote of the commercial bodies affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, or other governmental intervention on behalf of the public, nothing will be left for the men but to insist on their action or exercise the authority conferred upon them by an overwhelming vote to call a strike.

"I see no ray of light nor any possibility of averting a serious catastrophe. I beg, Mr. President, that you will regard this letter as a warning and conservatively setting forth the actual conditions as I sense them, and that you may be led to start in motion an inquiry at your earliest convenience to verify the conclusions here reached.

"Copies of this appeal to the President have been sent to the representatives of the railroad, the four brotherhoods, Chairman Newlands of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce and Chairman Adamson of the House Committee on Interstate Foreign Commerce. An appeal message has been addressed to all urging that steps be taken to insure intervention.

Chairman Wheeler declares it may be imperative to call a conference here in the near future, so as to impress Congress with the necessity of immediate action. This would be attended by representatives of practically every important commercial body in the United States.

The President took the appeal under consideration and will prepare to act if necessary arises. The United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation does not think the situation is as bad as pictured by the Chamber of Commerce. Some of its expert mediators feel Mr. Wheeler's report is premature.

The railroad men will consider the vote next Tuesday and then, if the conditions warrant, the board will act. The meantime President Wilson may call conferences with leading railroad operators and brotherhood men. The Board of Mediation is authorized by law to act.

Fish—Cape butterfish, fresh shore haddock, sea bass, fresh pickerel, porgie, flatfish, steak tilefish, steak halibut, steak codfish, weakfish, Black Island swordfish, prime soft shell crabs, live lobsters, clacosa, whitefish, perch, etc., Long Island steamers, opened long clams. Canned fish—Pink Alaska salmon, tuna fish, wet shrimp, American sardines, red Alaska salmon, shad, smoked sardines, smoked herring, canned clams. Meat department—Legs of genuine spring lamb, legs of young mutton, legs of yearling lamb, prime rib roasts of beef, chuck rib roasts of beef, pot roasts of beef, fresh shoulders, fresh hams, poultry—Stewing fow, chicken, fowl, native dressed broilers, fancy roasting chickens, fresh killed ducks, turkeys, native squab, Guinea hens, squab, Guinea. Smoked and salt meats—Cudahy Rex ham, sugar-cured bacon, corned beef, Swift's Premium hams, Dixie bacon, smoked hog's heads, corned spare rib. Fruit—Georgia peaches, pineapples, Valencia oranges, Bridgeport Public Market and Branch, State and Bank streets, East Main street. Phone—Adv.

Miami Copper Co. production in July amounted to 4,305,000 pounds.

The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana reduced the price of light oil 10 cents a barrel.

ELWOOD TO LOSE FOUR "DAYS OFF" FOR NEGLIGENCE

Slept at Firehouse While Rest of Company Went to Fire on Water Street.

Richard Elwood, hoseman of No. 9 Engine company, was found guilty of neglect of duty by the fire commissioners last night and was ordered to surrender his days off for the coming month. Elwood failed to respond to a still alarm on the afternoon of July 20. There was a fire among some rubbish at Water street and South avenue. Elwood, who was asleep when the alarm came in, joined his company on its way home from the blaze. He had been on night watch and without sleep for 32 hours but he developed at the hearing that he had opportunity to take rest several hours prior to the time he lay down at 3 o'clock that afternoon.

Capt. Joseph Freyer in command of the company, said he thought Elwood who had returned to duty after his days off had been drinking and was still feeling the effects.

In the future drivers of auto trucks or other vehicles who damage terminal posts of the fire alarm telegraph system will be required to pay for the repairs and will be prosecuted for reckless driving. Four of these posts have been broken off recently by reckless drivers and in each instance it has taken the firemen of the department hours to repair the damage and place the service in working order again. Elmer Spencer, driver for Hickman Bros., is the only one of the offenders known. A bill for the damage will be sent his employers.

Commissioners Tague and Lindquist were named a committee to arrange a two weeks' vacation for John J. Hynes, clerk of the board. D. Clifford Hall, served as clerk without a vacation for 3 years until his health broke. He is now on the pension list. The board members do not intend to have the health of the present clerk ruined by overwork so they will give him some relaxation from duty.

Samuel McBride of No. 2 Chemical company was granted pay for two days in which illness compelled his absence from duty.

Supt. Arthur E. Platt of the fire alarm telegraph signal system was named as delegate to the municipal engineers' convention to be held at Baltimore, August 22 to 24.

The Watrous Engine Co. of New York and Baltimore is unable to deliver a pump that has been ordered because it has been unable to get material. The officials of the company explained the situation in a letter last night.

VISITORS BRING GOOD THINGS TO CAMP OF SCOUTS

Bridgeport Boys at Housatonic Water Gap Revel in Feast of Dainties.

Boy Scout Camp, Housatonic Water Gap, Aug. 3.—Last week the scout practices in signaling was held. The regulation flag and the semaphore alphabet were used. Sending was done from Lover's Leap and receiving stations were established on the campus and on Sentinel Island. Scouts Prior and Jepson were the winners, with Scoutmaster as judge. All boys in camp have been busily engaged in perfecting their semaphore ever since.

On Saturday night friends of the boys from Bridgeport came to remain over night. Director E. E. Cortright had planned a council fire and a celebration afterward. Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Thornbury motored up in the afternoon with a car loaded with frankfurters, watermelon and potato chips. Home made cake and other good things were among the gifts. At 5:30 the boys sat down to a real feast.

At 7:30 the council fire was lighted, and every seat in the circle was occupied. After the routine part of the council had been disposed of, Counselor Cortright called on the visitors present for a contribution to the entertainment. All responded gladly with various forms of entertainment. The guests included Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Thornbury, Frank Lovegrove, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanley Barnes, Miss Estelle Van Gordon, Beatrice Beatty, John Sord and Ray Fredericks, Miss Sylvia Eastman, Mrs. E. E. Cortright, Miss Enid Cortright and sisters Estelle and Bernice, and Mrs. Lee Young. After the council was dismissed the party adjourned to the dining hall, where dancing was enjoyed. Ice cream and cake was served and the party broke up at 11 at the good night whistle signal.

On Friday the boys enjoyed a hike across country to Bridgewater, from the bridge over the Housatonic, while on Thursday an educational trip through the factory of the Bridgeport Wood Finishing Co. was enjoyed. The town health physician inspected the camp and pronounced everything satisfactory.

Sunday Robert Hull accompanied by his mother and sisters, and Clifford Appleton with friends, paid the camp a visit and remained for supper. They brought watermelon, peaches and candy for the entire camp. The thanks of the camp is due these kind friends who have assisted in making the entire season a most enjoyable one. Sunday afternoon the camp was honored by the visit of L. T. Warner the president of the Bridgeport Council of Boy Scouts of America. He inspected the camp equipment, had a swim with the boys, enjoyed supper with the others, and motored back to town after nightfall accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Cortright.

The numbers at camp have fluctuated ranging from 15 to thirty. This has been due to the unusual industrial situation in Bridgeport whereby every boy over 14 years of age can have work if he will take it, and to the strict quarantine regulations issued by the state board of health. Next Sunday and the week following will see the camp taxed to capacity.

Otto T. Bagnare of New York arrived at Vienna on his way to the Balkans.

BRIDGE CONTRACT FOR GEORGETOWN TO H. S. OSBORN

Redding's Blockade Against Infantile Paralysis Is So Far Effective.

Redding, Aug. 3.—Bids for the new arch bridge of stone, steel and concrete to be built in Georgetown were considered by the selectmen last Saturday. A special town meeting had authorized an expenditure of \$2,500 for the structure. As H. Sanford Osborn, first selectman, was one of the bidders, he absented himself from the meeting so that his two colleagues might have the entire disposition of the question. The proposals were as follows: Sperry & Treat, of New Haven, \$5,500; L. Suzie Construction Co., of Meriden, \$4,475; New Haven Engineering & Construction Co., \$2,510; Joseph Robert, of Bridgeport, \$2,642; H. Sanford Osborn, of Redding, \$2,400. The bid of Mr. Osborn being the lowest he was awarded the contract. Work on the bridge will be commenced soon and pushed with energy.

On the theory that when 15-year-old Andrew Hingle was acting under duress when he shot two trespassing gypsy horses on the night of the 20th he was not included in the criminal prosecution brought against Charles Hingle at the instance of District Agent Gardiner, representing the Connecticut Humane Society. The elder Hingle was arrested Monday on a warrant issued by Grand Juror Hohman and arraigned at 2 o'clock in the afternoon before Justice E. A. Pinkney charged with cruelty to animals. A considerable number of spectators attended the trial held at the town house. The defendant pleaded not guilty and in his testimony told a story which deviated widely from his former version of the occurrence. He had previously said that he ordered the boy to do the shooting. This he denied in his evidence, further declaring that the shooting did not take place until the horses had made a third invasion of his door yard, after being twice driven out. The claim was an entirely new phase of the case. To refute these two statements, which were the essential points of his defense the prosecution presented the evidence of Agent Gardiner, Dr. Smith and Constable Warner, who flatly contradicted Hingle. So did two of the gypsy band whose two English flash made it difficult to understand them. Hingle was found guilty and fined \$10 and costs, the whole amounting to \$25.43. At first he announced his intention of taking an appeal, but changed his mind upon the advice of friends and paid up. The next development looked for in the situation is the bringing of a civil suit by the owners of the horses. Their hand moved last week to Fairfield where one of the wounded horses died and where a prosecution by the local authorities resulted in the imposition of a \$15 fine.

The town continues to have the good fortune of being free from infantile paralysis. So far the exclusion policy against the incoming of children from infected localities appears to have been substantially effective although the warning signs on the highways at the town's boundary line are not supplemented by guards. The guard service established by Newtown has now been abandoned after costing about \$500. Taking it altogether Dr. Smith regards the local situation as quite satisfactory, although he admits that auto parties comprising children have probably passed through the town in disobedience to the restrictive order. As long as they did not tangle with harm resulted and the health officer is confident that had there been lingering he would promptly have been notified because the public is thoroughly awake to the serious consequences to be apprehended from the introduction of the scourge. In passing through the Glen last Sunday the doctor caught sight of two or three picnicking auto parties in which there were children. These had violated the exclusion rule but as their stay was to be brief and there was practically no danger of their coming in contact with residents, old or young, the health officer did not interfere with them.

There would seem to be little cause for further apprehension anent the recent rabies peril as two weeks have passed without the disease having developed in any one of the four dogs which came in contact with the mad dog and have since been sequestered and kept under observation. These are believed to constitute the only possible sources of trouble as the two dogs known to have been bitten by the mad dog were promptly killed.

With the record two and two Fire Co. 1 and Fire Co. 2 contested their fifth game on the Ridge grounds last Saturday. The West Redding boys had strengthened their team by the inclusion of three Danbury players and against this important talent the Ridge party protested. In response and justification the visitors asserted that the strangers were qualified by reason of being associate members, thereby having the same standing as Ames Merritt and Homer Smith, non-resident members of the Ridge team. Accordingly the protest went unheeded and the game went along to a finish, the score being 8 to 6 in favor of the West Side warriors.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Sanford, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Shelton and Miss Belle Sanford motored to New London last Saturday and thence crossed to Plum Island where a numerous body of young men are gathered in a military instruction camp. Seven of last term's Sanford School pupils are members of the camp.

The ladies of Christ Episcopal church are making extensive arrangements for the annual parish fair to be held in the gymnasium on the afternoon and evening of Aug. 11. A sale of fancy articles and of refreshments, the latter to include many home cooked delicacies, will be featured with probably an old folk's concert as the main attraction of the evening program.

A New York family comprising several children, hired the Joseph Bishop place at the Center recently and were about to take possession when they found the way barred by the infantile paralysis blockade. The children are in good health, but even an official certificate to that effect doesn't help matters.

At the auction sale of full blooded dairy stock, held at the Atchinson farm in New Preston, last Thursday,



Some picnic! We didn't decide to go till thenight before. Nothing in the house to eat. But before I knew it my wife made sponge cake and cookies and rolls with D & C. We got some meat and—well it was some picnic! My wife says

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SELF-RAISING

A. G. Barnett bought two thoroughbred Holstein heifers and had them conveyed to his place in Londontown by auto truck. The top price paid for a cow at the sale was \$300. Louis Lyon of Londontown, having suffered a physical breakdown, was on Monday removed by the selectmen to Henry Rogers' boarding house.

Using a pumpkin seed for bait young George Banks hooked and landed from the main pond in Pleasant Valley last Saturday a pickerel 20 inches long and weighing nearly two pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stiles of New York are guests of C. Reuben Wheeler, Mrs. Stiles' brother.

R. W. Walbridge is making further improvements at his summer home in Pleasant Valley, including an open porch room and enlargement of an outbuilding.

Ex-Senator Peck continues to slowly improve, being now able to ride out.

Everett Gorham of the Center has a new Ford car.

A light white frost was apparent last Saturday in Pleasant Valley and some of the other low lying sections.

PAY LESS FOR COAL

The board of education expects to report a saving of \$3,135 on its purchase of coal supply for the public schools for the year and get a better grade of coal. The board this year decided to buy the school supply direct from the mines instead of buying through the administration's board of contract and supply. After analysis of the coal Prof. F. C. Stanley finds 7 1/2 per cent. of ash and no slate, as against 2 2/3 per cent. of dust, although allowance was made for the latter. The order has been placed with the Philadelphia & Reading Coal Co. for 5,500 tons. About 3,000 tons will be stored in schools. For the present the rest will be stored in the pockets of the Archibald McNeil & Sons Co. Inc.

LIFT EMBARGO.

The recent embargo placed upon freight to Bridgeport by the New Haven road expired automatically at midnight. It is not likely to be replaced as it is believed that sufficient motive power to haul trains along the line has been procured temporarily from other railroads.

TASHUA AND LONG HILL.

Joseph P. Kohler, who underwent a successful operation at the Bridgeport hospital several weeks ago, has returned to his home in Tashua.

John Mahoney recently purchased a Miss Rena Downs of Long Hill and Miss Linda Hull of Fairfield are spending a week in Westbrook.

A great many improvements and changes will be made at the Chestnut Hill school this autumn. A new room will be added, the addition costing \$1,200. A second teacher will be engaged.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haydon of Long Hill is quarantined for scarlet fever as their children are afflicted with the disease.

Miss Daisie J. Seeley returned to her home in Tashua after spending several weeks at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Francis Jelliffe of Compo street, Westport.

Rev. L. Robert Sheffield has the whooping cough.

Dr. Charles N. Gallop has been spending a few days out of town. The dog belonging to Lorenzo R. Wildman was affected by the heat Monday and was thought to have gone mad, running through the streets alarming people. About half an hour after it was taken ill it ran into one of the neighbor's fields of hay and expired.

Otto Walters, Ralph Medley and Harry Swezey have purchased cars.

Thirty-six persons were killed by automobiles in New York city in July.

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